

# OSAKA



Osaka, whose population is over 8,847,600 (Sep., 2015), has been famous as a commercial city since the 16th century. It has also played a great role as a prefecture in hosting many international events. The Kansai International Airport and the continu-

ously developing transportation networks have made Osaka even more accessible to visitors. Thus Osaka has become "the place" to meet people from all over the world.

## OSAKA/UMEDA (KITA)

### ①Shin-Umeda City (新梅田シティ)

The Floating Garden Observatory (空中庭園) of Umeda Sky Building is a landmark of Osaka's Kita area. From the observatory, you can see all of Osaka and beyond to Awaji Island. The popular Takimi-Koji underground market has a retro ambience that dates back to the 1920s. Hours: 10:00–22:30 (enter by 22:00) Admission: ¥800

### ②HEP FIVE / HEP NAVIO (ヘップファイブ／ナビオ)

The very popular "FIVE" is known for its usual urban-center red Ferris wheel with views of downtown buildings, Osaka harbor and Ikoma Mountain. Inside, there are many shops for young people. "NAVIO" has distinguished Men's fashion shops on each floor as well as a popular place for movies and gourmet. HEP FIVE: Hours 11:00–21:00, –22:30 (restaurants), –23:00 (amusements) HEP NAVIO: Hours: 11:00–21:00, 10:00–21:00 (Sat.), 10:00–20:00 (Sun. & national holiday)

### Underground Shopping Mall (キタの地下街)

#### ③Whity Umeda (ホワイティうめだ)

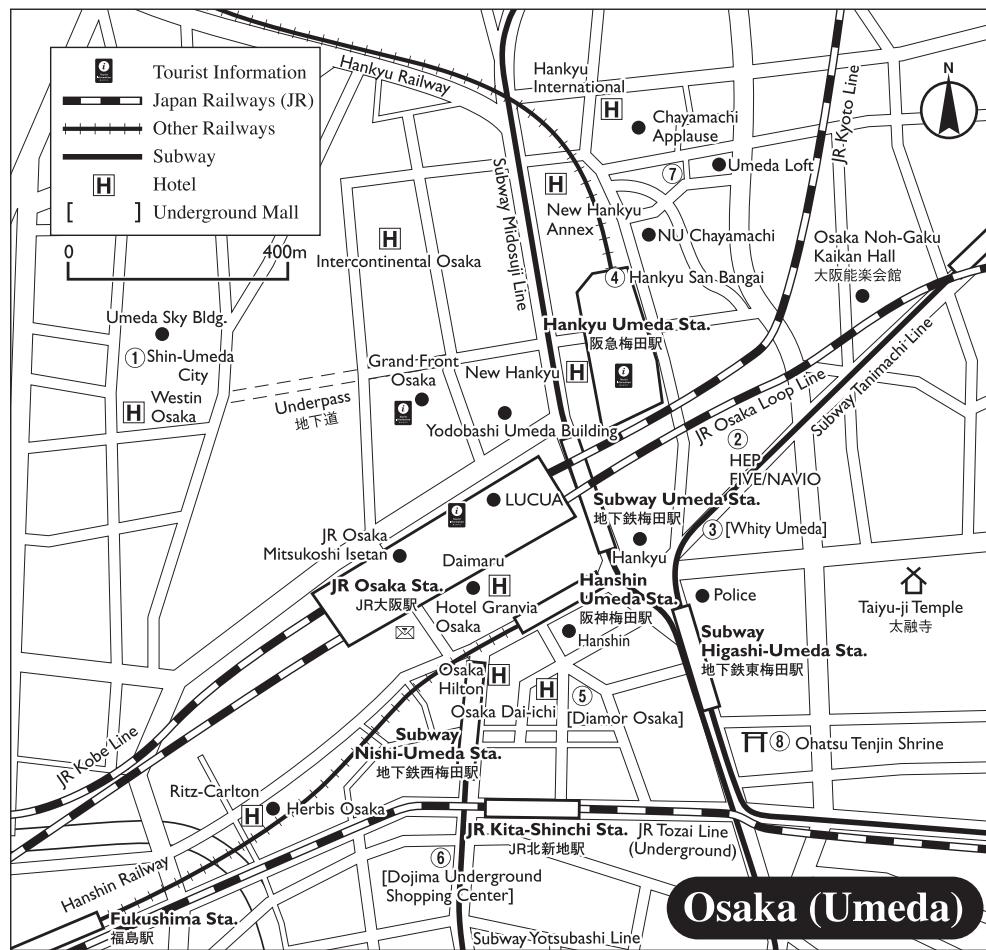
Expanding its underground market from most of the stations in Umeda conveniently located near terminal stations, and directly connected to shops, restaurants and entertainment. Hours: 10:00–21:00, –22:00 (restaurants / depend on shops)

#### ④Hankyu San Bangai (阪急三番街)

One of the largest shopping areas in Osaka, with two floors above ground and two beneath filled with a variety of shops from cages to brand-name boutiques. Hours: 10:00–21:00, –23:00 (restaurants / depend on shops)

#### ⑤Diamor Osaka (ディアモール大阪)

Natural light fills this underground mall. Brand-name stores and young fashion boutiques line Diamor Osaka's streets. Take a walk around the mall from JR Osaka Sta. to Kita-Shinchi Sta. Hours: 10:00–21:00, –22:00 (restaurants)



Osaka (Umeda)

#### ⑥Dojima Underground Shopping Center (ドージマ地下センター)

"DOTICA" is always bustling with businessmen from Nishi-Umeda. Nice restaurants, bookstores and more are there. Hours: 10:00–20:00 (Mon.–Fri.), –18:00 (Sat.) Sun. and national holidays depending on shops. Closed: 3rd Sun.

#### ⑦Chayamachi Area (茶屋町界隈)

The high-rise complex, Chayamachi Applause includes Umeda Arts Theater. Nearby, there are many shops popular with young people such as Umeda Loft Department Store, NU Chayamachi and more.

#### ⑧Tsuyunoten Shrine or Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine (露天神社／お初天神)

Hours: 9:00–18:00  
A flea market is held on the 1st Friday of each month. Hours: 8:00–15:00 (depending on day and shops)

## NAMBA & SHINSAIBASHI (MINAMI)

### ① Dotombori (道頓堀)

Osaka's most famous district glittering with colorful neon signs and extravagant restaurant decorations.

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### ② Crysta Nagahori (クリスタ長堀)

An underground arcade of shops and restaurants extending from Yotsubashi Sta. to Nagahoribashi Sta. (through Shinsaibashi Sta.). Hours: 11:00–21:00 (~20:30 on Sun.), ~22:00 (restaurants / depend on shops) Closed : Dec. 31, Jan. 1 & 3rd Mon. of Feb.

### ⑦ National Bunraku Theatre (国立文楽劇場)

National puppet theater where traditional plays are performed. New performances monthly.  
<http://www.ntj.jac.go.jp/english.html>

### ③ America-Mura (アメリカ村)

A district featuring many US import shops, used clothing shops and flea markets. Murals and a statue of liberty on the top of a building attract many shoppers.

### ⑧ Kuromon-Ichiba (黒門市場)

A 580 meter-long market for fish, fruit, vegetables and other foods opened since the mid-Taisho Period (1912–1926), called "Osaka's Kitchen". Some of stalls are closed on Sun. & national holiday.

### ④ Shinsaibashi-Suji (心斎橋筋)

A district characterized by the contrast between many old shops and modern department stores such as Daimaru Dept.

### ⑨ Sennichimae Doguya-Suji (千日前道具屋筋)

A narrow street with many shops dealing in equipment and utensils used in restaurants or coffee shops. Restaurant owners come here to buy plastic models of dishes used to display their menus in the window. Miniature food imitations are popular souvenir items.

### ⑤ Osaka Shochiku-za Theater (大阪松竹座)

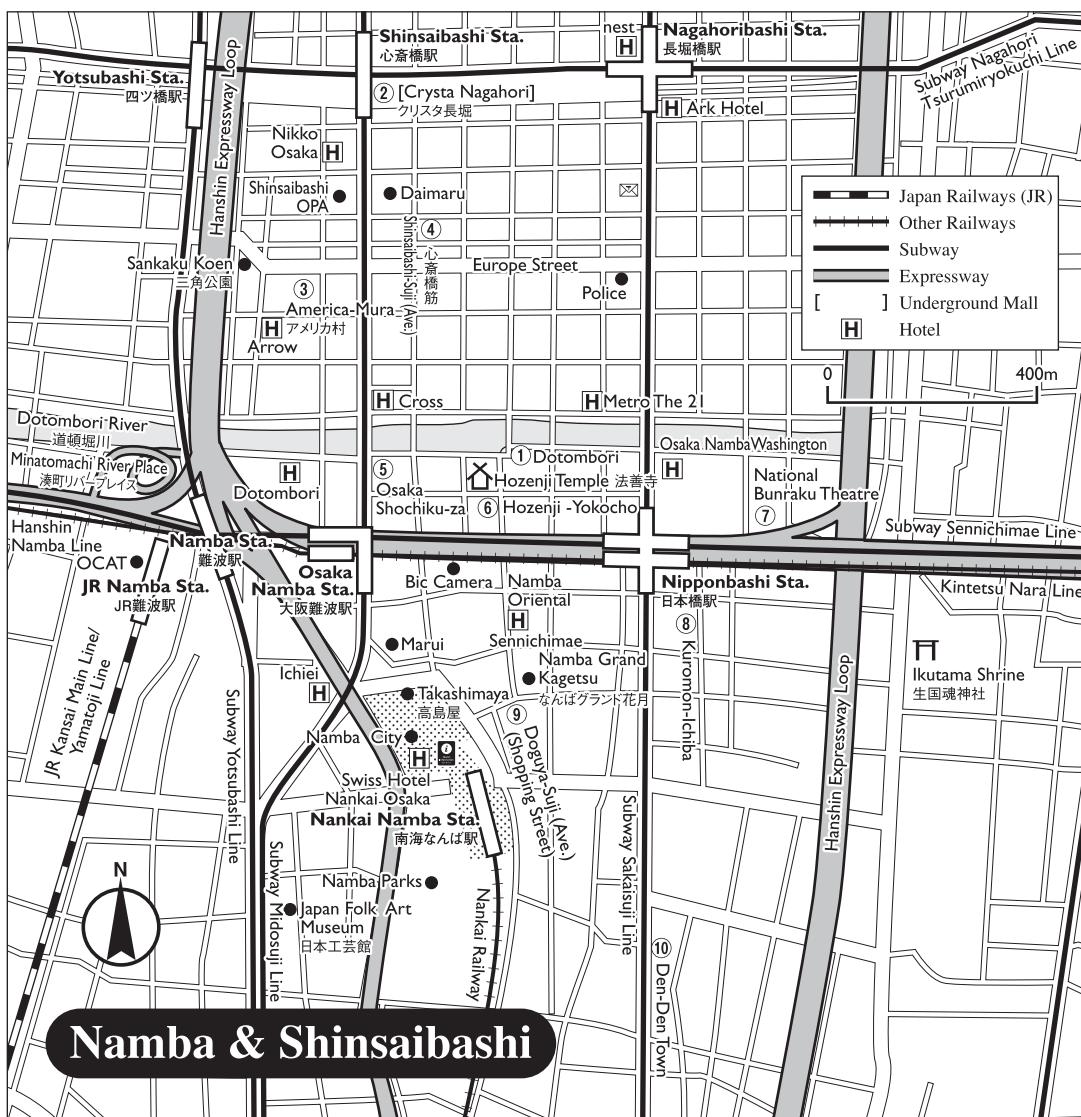
It was rebuilt in 1997 as the center of the Kabuki renaissance in Osaka. Kabuki runs for a few months every year.

### ⑩ Den-Den Town (でんでんタウン)

A shopping area specializing in electrical goods. It has 300 shops, some of which are Tax Free where you can get an exemption by showing your passport when you pay. Some shops sell cameras and watches. Hours: 10:00–20:00 (most shops)

### ⑥ Hozenji-Yokocho (法善寺横丁)

A district known for the 60 quaint restaurants which line its cobblestone streets. **Hozen-ji Temple** (法善寺) is situated in



## MINAMIMORI-MACHI & NAKANOSHIMA AREA

**①Osaka Tenmangu Shrine (大阪天満宮)**

It was founded in 949 in honor of Michizane Sugawara, a noted scholar of Chinese literature. Tenjin Festival, which is the largest festival in Osaka, is held on Jul. 24 and 25. 5-min. walk from subway Minamimori-machi Sta. Exit 4, or JR Osaka Tenmangu Sta. Exit 3.

**②Nakanoshima Park (中之島公園)**

This park with its large European-style rose garden, the oldest in Osaka, is bordered by two rivers.

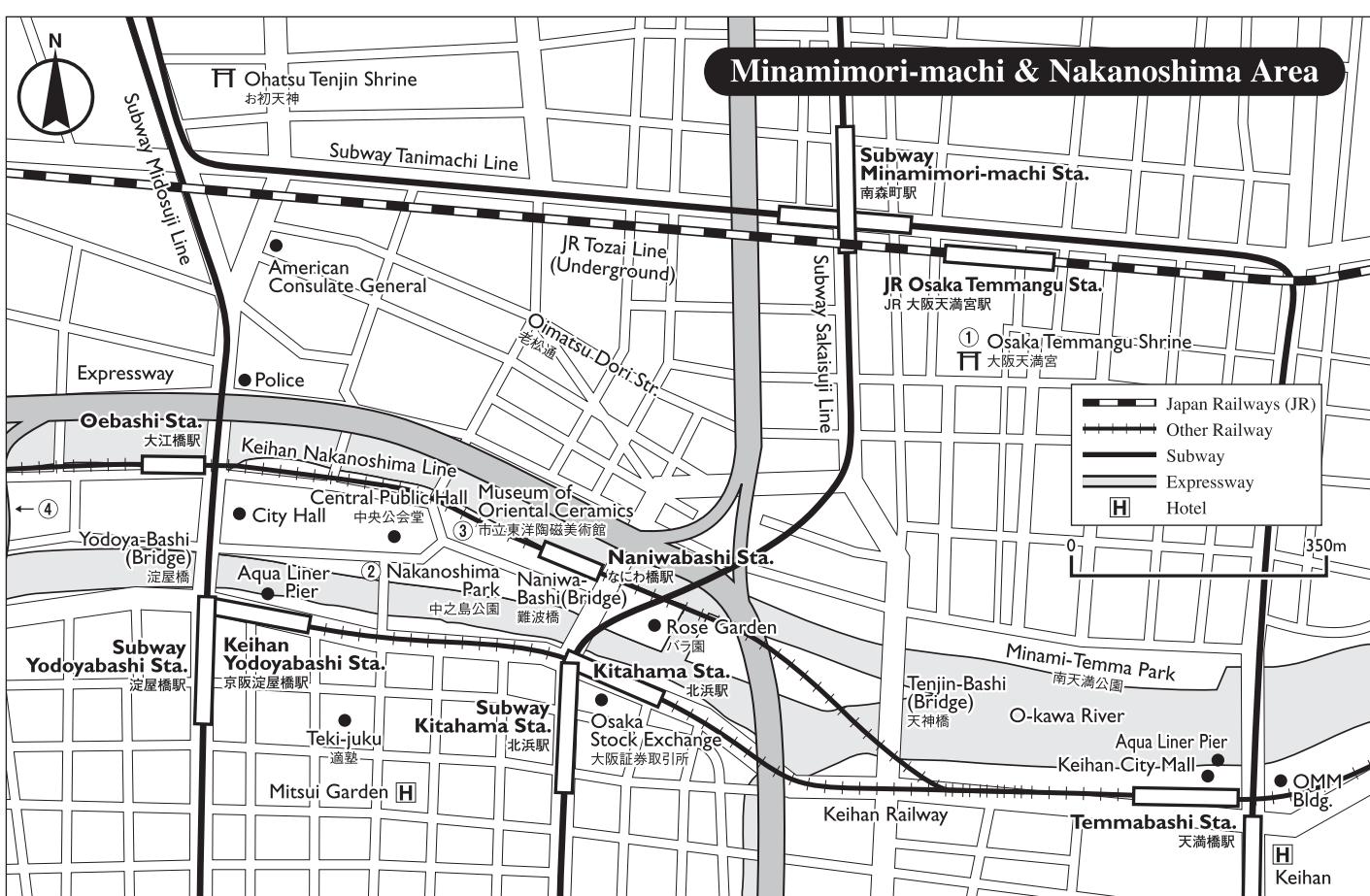
**③The Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka (MOC Osaka) (大阪市立東洋陶磁美術館)**

a 5-min. walk from subway or Keihan Yodoyabashi Sta. Exit 1 or Kitahama Sta. Exit 26, was founded in 1982 with the donation of the famous Ataka Collection of ceramics. The museum is known worldwide for its extensive collection of Korean and Japanese

ceramics including the celadon. It is one of the must-see spots for museum goers. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year's holidays. Admission: ¥500 (regular exhibition)

**④The National Museum of Art, Osaka (NMAO) (国立国際美術館)**

a 10-min. walk from Subway Yotsubashi Line Higobashi Sta. Exit 3, displays Japanese and foreign collection of modern art. The museum, which was originally built in Expo '70 Commemoration Park, Osaka in 1977, was relocated to the present site at Nakanoshima in 2004 and a completely new building was constructed to expand its collection. Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30), –19:00 on Fridays (enter by 18:30) Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year's holidays Admission: ¥430 (Museum collection)



## TENNOJI

**①Shitennoji Temple (四天王寺)**

A non-sectarian Buddhist temple founded by Prince Shotoku. A flea market is held on the 21st & 22nd day of each month. (around 9:00–16:00) 5-min. walk from subway Shitennoji-mae Yuhigaoka Sta. or 15-min. walk from Tennoji Sta. Hours: 8:30–16:30, –16:00 (Oct. to Mar.) enter 30 min. before each closing time Admission: ¥300

**②Tsutenkaku Tower (通天閣)**

The observatory on top offers a splended view of downtown Osaka. A landmark in the Shin-Sekai (新世界) area. Hours: 9:00–21:00 (entry by 20:30) Admission: ¥700

**③Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts (大阪市立美術館)**

Over 8,000 works of Japanese and Chinese paintings, sculptures, and decorative art are displayed. Many of them are designated National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4 Admission: ¥300 (regular exhibition)

**④Spa World**

Visitors can be enjoyed hot spring, pool, sports gym, beauty treatment salon and so on. Hours: 10:00–8:45 the next day (Depend on each equipment) Admission: ¥1,200, extra charge ¥1,300 from 0:00 to 5:00.

## ⑤ Tennoji Zoo (天王寺動物園)

A zoo located in Tennoji Park with 200 animal species. Hours: 9:30–17:00, –18:00 (Sat., Sun., and national holiday of May & Sep.) enter 1hr. before each closing time Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–31 Admission: ¥500

## ⑥Keitakuen Garden(慶沢園)

A garden in Tennoji Park with a large landscape garden, combining the quiet harmony of water and greenery. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30), –20:00 (weekends and holidays in May, Jul., Aug. and Sep.) Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 1 Admission: ¥150

## ⑦Abeno Harukas (阿倍野ハルカス)

Opened on Mar. 2014, the Abeno Harukas is the tallest build-

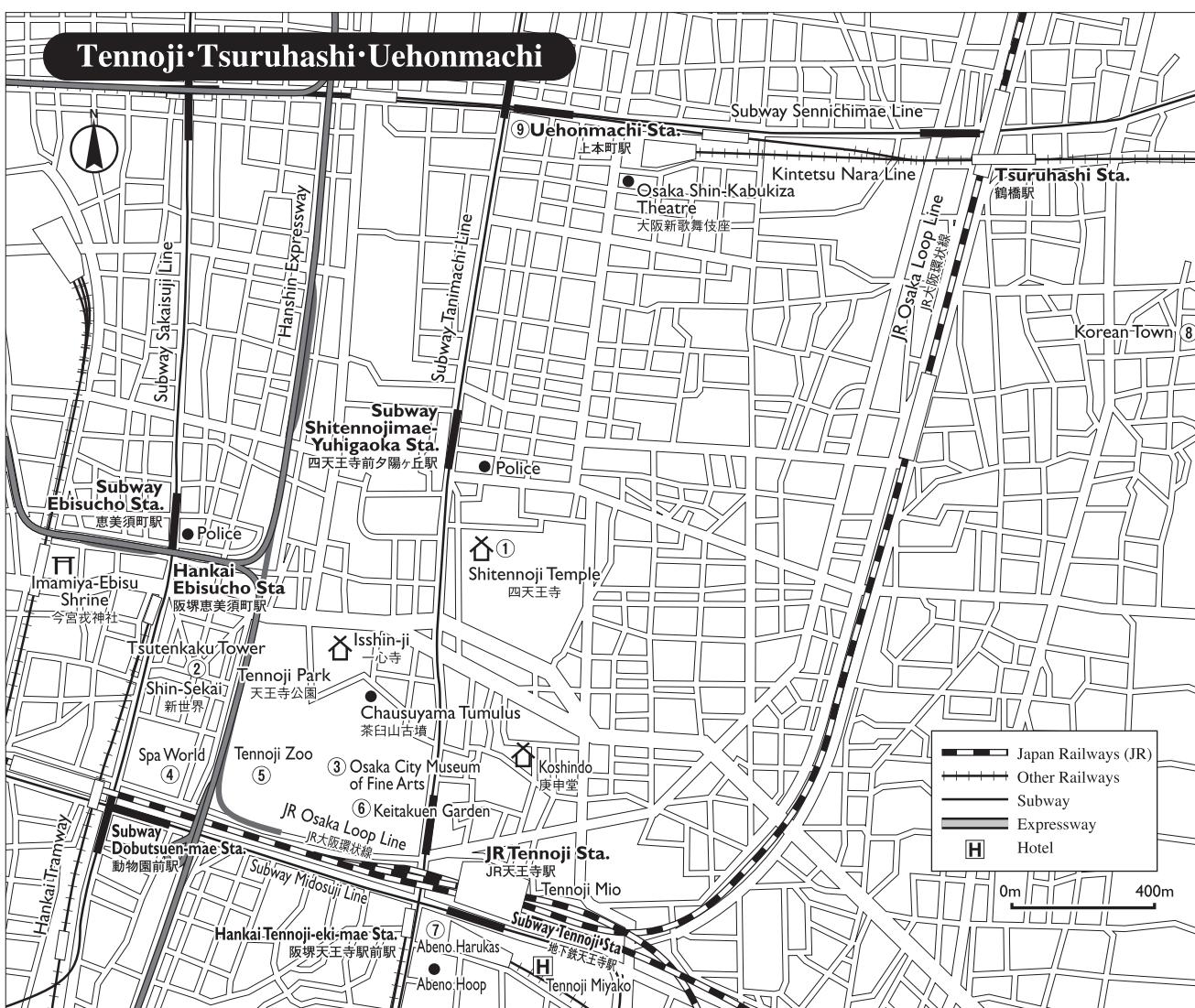
ing in Japan. From the observatory HARUKAS 300, you can enjoy a panoramic view of Osaka that looks like a 3D map. Hours: 9:00–22:00 (enter by 21:30) Admission: ¥1,500

## ⑧ Tsuruhashi (鶴橋)

The area of Tsuruhashi has been deeply related to Korea historically and is called Korean Town or the International Market. The shops and restaurants, selling Kushikatsu, Okonomiyaki, Takoyaki and Yakiniku, as well as Korean food, offer a lively and colorful atmosphere.

⑨ Uehonmachi (上本町)

Uehonmachi is located east of the historical town of Uehonmachi Daichi Heights, and has a terminal station for trains going to the areas of Ise-Shima and Nara.



## *OSAKA CASTLE AREA*

## ① Japan Mint Bureau (造幣局)

A part of its garden is open to the public during the cherry blossom season, and many people enjoy strolling down the pathways shaded by the blossoms (called "Sakura-no-Torinuke" in Japanese).

## ② Mint Museum (造幣博物館)

Hours: 9:00–16:45 (enter by 16:00) Closed: Sat., Sun. & national holidays Admission: Free

### ③ Osaka Castle (大阪城)

Osaka Castle, which stands in the middle of Osaka Castle Park, is thought of as the symbol of the spirit of this great, commercial city of Osaka. Inside the Castle tower are displays of a number of historically significant artifacts including the "Folding Screen" of the Summer War of Osaka and a diorama of the life of Hideyoshi Toyotomi. The Castle tower also offers superb views of the city of Osaka. The Yagura (turret) and gigantic stone walls remain as they were in the Tokugawa Era. They are awe-inspiring for their grandeur and history.

Hours: 9:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Dec.28–Jan. 1  
Admission: ¥600

#### ④Osaka International Peace Center

A facility for teaching future generations about war tragedies and the importance of peace. The building portrays “coexistence of diversity” which is the very base for peace. “Telling exhibits” are on display. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon., the days after national holidays, the last day of every month & Dec. 28–Jan. 4 Admission: ¥250

#### ⑤Osaka Museum of History (大阪歴史博物館)

On the 10th floor of the museum, you will find yourself in Naniwanomiya Palace, which is Japan's oldest capital. The museum is designed to let visitors experience the 1500 year history of Osaka in multi-dimension. On each floor of the building you can experience a different period of the history of

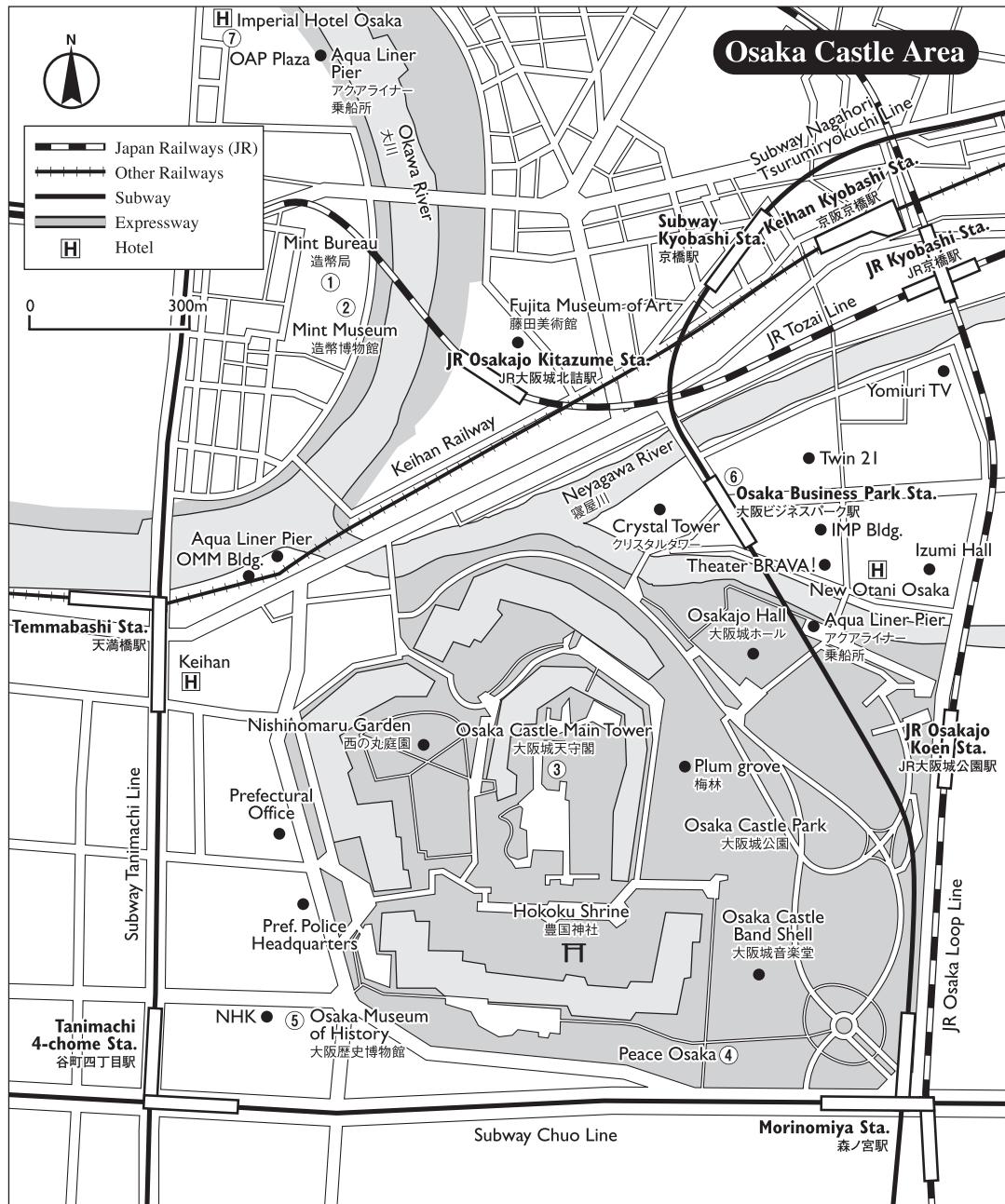
Osaka, for example, the ancient Naniwazu, the modern period when the city was called “the country’s market place” and also the great city of Osaka-rich and prosperous with modern industries. Hours 9:30–17:00, –20:00 (Fri. during special exhibition periods) Closed: Tue. (or Wed. when Tue. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4 Admission: ¥600 (regular exhibition)

#### ⑥OBP (Osaka Business Park: 大阪ビジネスパーク)

OBP includes office buildings, an excellent hotel and concert halls. Osaka-jo Hall has been a venue for sports events, modern ballet and performances by well-known singers.

#### ⑦OAP (Osaka Amenity Park: 大阪アメニティパーク)

OAP includes fine hotels, brand-name shops and the Japan mint bureau. The best sites for appreciating cherry blossoms along the Okawa River.



## BAY AREA

### Osaka Port or Tempozan (大阪港 天保山)

#### ① Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan (海遊館)

Favorite attractions are two whalesharks and a sun fish. 5-min. walk from subway Osaka-ko Sta. Hours: 10:00–20:00 (enter by 19:00) Closed: Irregularly Admission: ¥2,300

#### ② Tempozan Market Place (天保山マーケットプレイス)

A building featuring a variety of shops and restaurants. Also there is the **Tempozan Giant Ferris Wheel**. You can enjoy a panoramic view of Osaka Bay, the Ikoma mountains to the east, Akashi Kaikyo Bridge to the west, Kansai International Airport to the south, and the Mt. Rokko range to the north. The above are all located in **Tempozan Harbor Village**.

### South Port or Nanko Area (南港)

#### ③ Osaka Prefectural Government Sakishima Building Observatory (大阪府咲洲庁舎展望台)

Cosmotower, 252 meters high, is providing a variety of trade, information, and other business facilities on its upper floors. It also features an observatory on the 55th fl. Hours: 13:00–22:00 (week day), 11:00–22:00 (Sat., Sun. & national holiday) enter by 21:30 Admission: ¥510

#### ④ Asia and Pacific Trade Center (ATC)

International wholesale market. Business consultation service available. **ATC Town Outlet MARE** On the west of ATC, many commodities from Japan and other countries are on display at the ITM ward. On the 4th and 5th floors of the ward there are outlets of shops selling clothes and other goods. Hours: 11:00–20:00

#### ⑤ Intex Osaka

One of Japan's largest trade fair centers at which various events are staged monthly. The above are located in **Cosmo Square**.

#### ⑥ Universal Studios Japan® (USJ)

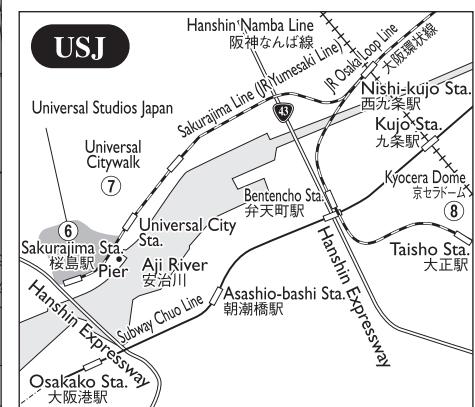
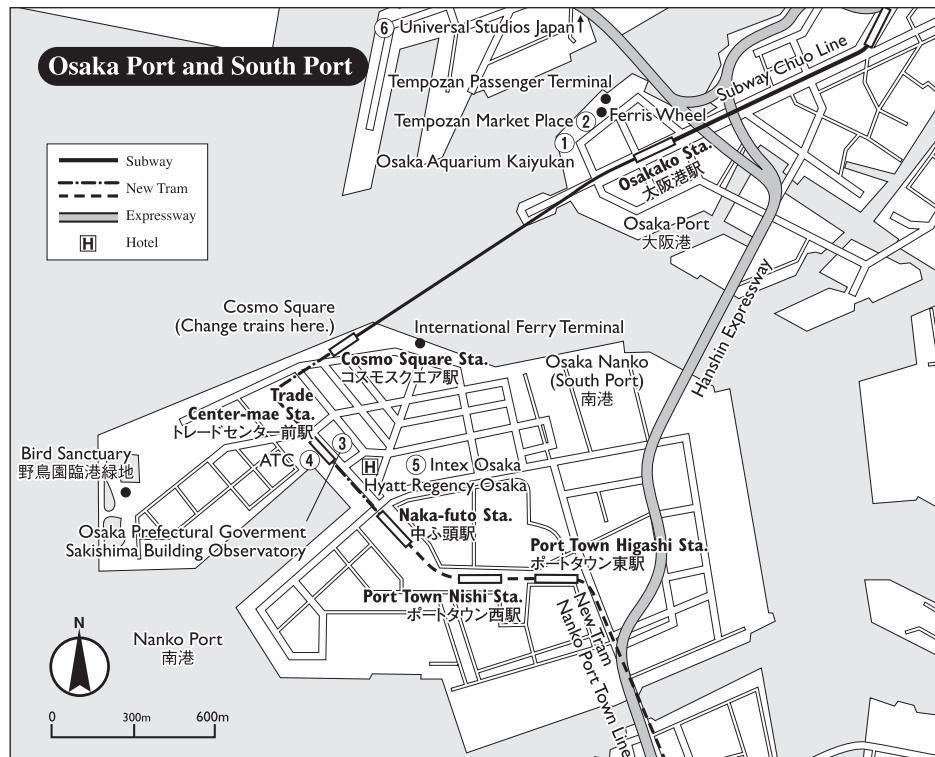
America's movie theme park Universal Studios, which has achieved considerable success in Hollywood and Florida, established its first park outside the United States in Osaka. Universal Studios Japan has 8 entertainment area featuring 23 attractions in total to enjoy. A few min. walk from Universal City Sta. on JR Yumesaki Line. Opening and closing time may change each day. Please check in advance. (<http://www.usj.co.jp/e/>) Admission: ¥7,200 (One-day Studio Pass)

#### ⑦ Universal Citywalk Osaka™

This shopping mall is eclectic mix of entertainment, fun, fine dining and specialty shops. Hours: 10:00–22:00 (depending on days and shops)

#### ⑧ Kyocera Dome Osaka (京セラドーム大阪)

A multi-purpose, all-weather stadium for baseball games and concerts. There are shops, attractions, beer halls, and a computer game center. Its shape is like a UFO. 7-min. walk from JR Taisho Sta. or short walk from Dome-mae Sta. on Hanshin Namba Line / Dome-mae Chiyozaki Sta. on Subway Nagahori Tsurumi-ryokuchi Line.



## MINOH QUASI-NATIONAL PARK & EXPO '70 COMMEMORATION PARK

### Minoh Quasi-National Park (箕面国定公園)

#### ① Minoh Park (箕面公園)

The quasi-national park known for its impressive waterfall. The nearest station is Mino-o Sta. on the Hankyu Mino Line.

#### ② Minoh Onsen (箕面温泉)

Spa Garden adjacent to Minoh Kanko Hotel. The high-quality spring water contains salts, sodium bicarbonate, and boric acid. Hours: 10:00–23:45 (enter by 22:45) Admission: ¥1,580 on weekdays and ¥1,980 on weekends (enter by 18:00), ¥980 on weekdays and ¥1,280 on weekends (18:00–24:00)

### Expo '70 Commemorative Park (万博記念公園)

#### ③ Japanese Garden (日本庭園) and ④ Natural and Cultural Garden (自然文化園)

Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Wed. (or Thu. when Wed. falls on a national holiday) & New year's holiday Admission: ¥250

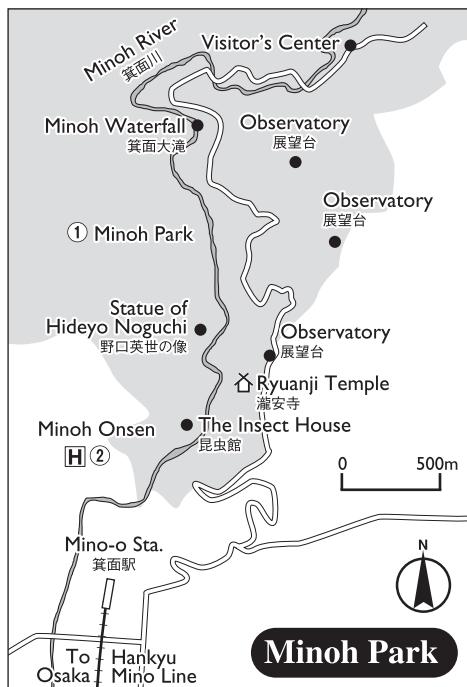
### Museums

#### ⑤ National Museum of Ethnology (国立民族学博物館)

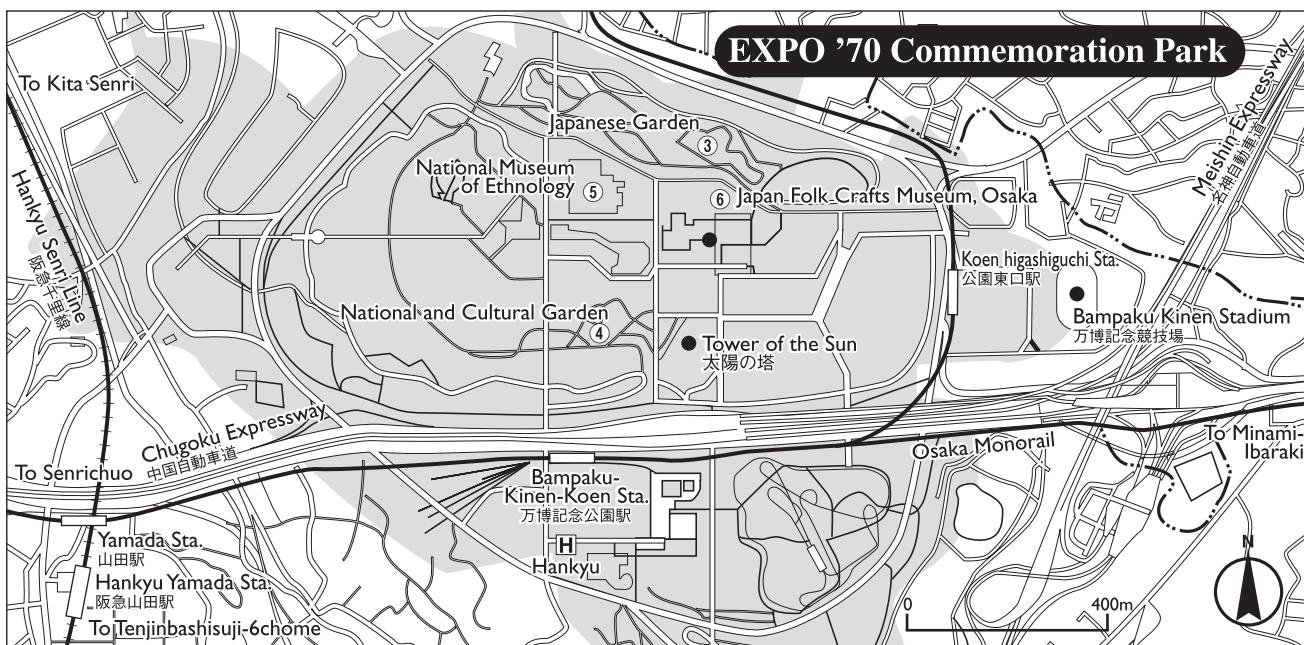
Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Wed. (or Thu. when Wed. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4 Admission: ¥420

#### ⑥ The Japan Folk Crafts Museum Osaka (大阪日本民芸館)

Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Wed. (except May 3) & New Year Holiday Admission: ¥700



Note: Admission fees of each museum will be higher than indicated when special exhibitions are held.



## AROUND KANSAI AIRPORT

### Rinku Town

Business facilities space containing a post office, ATM corner, shops, restaurants, JR and Nankai Rinku Town Station. About a 10-min. walk takes you to **Marble Beach**.

#### ① Rinku Premium Outlets®

One of the largest outlets mall in Kansai. Hours: 10:00–20:00, 11:00–21:00 (restaurants) Closed: 3rd Thu. of Feb. Access: 5-min. walk from Rinku Town Sta.

### Izumisano (泉佐野)

#### ② The Open-Air Market by Izumisano Fishermen's

### Cooperative Association (泉佐野漁協青空市場)

100-meter-long large-scale fish market where you can buy any seafood at a reasonable price. Hours: 10:00–18:00 Closed: Wed. Access: 20-min. walk or 7 min. by taxi from Nankai Izumisano Sta.

### Kishiwada (岸和田)

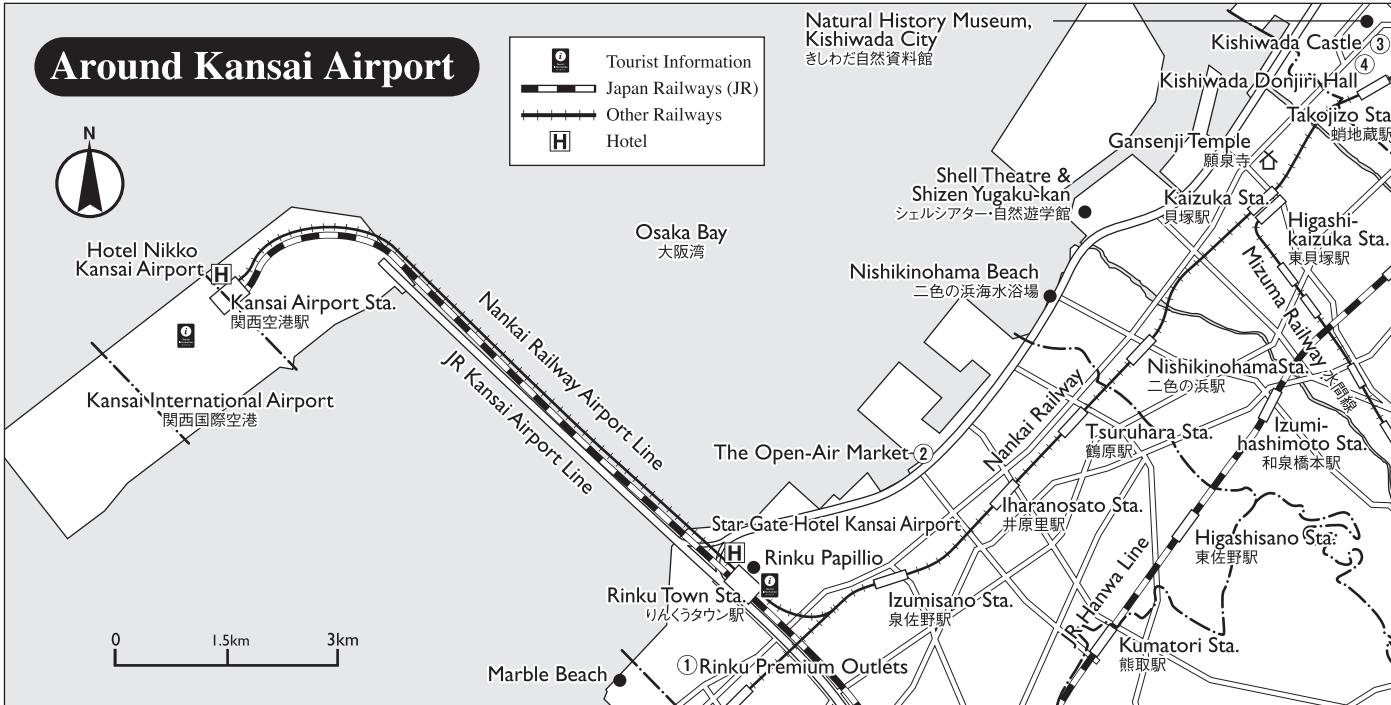
#### ③ Kishiwada Castle (岸和田城)

This is said to be the original castle, although its donjon was reconstructed after it was destroyed by fire caused by lightning. The garden features a unique rock garden. Hours: 10:00–

17:00 (enter by 16:00) Closed: Mon. (except national holiday, Apr.1–Apr.15) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3 Access: 15-min. walk from Nankai Honsen Line Kishiwada Sta. or 5-min walk from Takojizo Sta. Admission: ¥300

#### ④Kishiwada Danjiri Hall (岸和田だんじり会館)

The exhibition hall for the Danjiri Festival. Information available through a film, computers, old books and others. Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:00) Closed: Mon. (except national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3 Access: 10-min. walk from Nankai Honsen Line Kishiwada Sta. or Takojizo Sta. Admission: ¥600



**Osaka Amazing Pass / 1day, 2day** (大阪周遊パス) is a sightseeing card that offers unlimited use of trains and buses in Osaka City and neighboring areas, as well as free admission to popular sightseeing facilities. Other concessions are also available at sightseeing facilities and restaurants and shops. Enjoy Osaka and save your money with an Amazing Pass! 1day Pass: ¥2,300, 2ay Pass: ¥3,000 (only for the foreign tourists of the short stay

with presentation of passport) More information is available at Tourist Information Offices. <http://www.osaka-info.jp/osp/en>



**Goodwill Guide Groups** offer tourists from overseas local tours guided in English or other languages. The guides are registered with JNTO and display the badge shown. As they are volunteers, there is no charge for their service. You are only expected to pay for their transportation, admission to tourist facilities if you visit any and their meals if you eat with them.

#### JNTO Website

[www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/guideservice.html](http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/guideservice.html)

### Tourist Information Center (TIC)

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1st Fl., Shin Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331  
Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed: Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)  
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/tic.html>



### TOURIST INFORMATION

#### Osaka Visitors' Information Center Umeda (JR Osaka Sta.):

1F North Central Gate, 3-1-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka City, Osaka  
Hours: 8:00–20:00 Closed: Jan. 1

#### Osaka Visitors' Information Center Namba / Nankai Information Center (Namba Sta.):

Nankai Terminal Bldg. 1F, 5-1-60 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, Osaka  
Hours: 9:00–20:00, 10:00–18:00 on Dec. 31, Jan. 2 & 3  
Closed: Jan. 1

#### Hankyu Tourist Center Osaka-Umeda (Hankyu Umeda Sta.):

1-2-1 Shibata, Kita-ku, Osaka City, Osaka  
Hours: 8:00–17:00 Closed: Dec. 30–Jan. 3 Tel. (06)6373-5281

#### Kansai Tourist Information Center (Kansai International Airport):

PTB 1F, Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun, Osaka  
Hours: 7:00–22:00 Tel. (072)456-6160

#### Tourist Information Center Kanku-Machidokoro (Kansai International Airport):

Terminal2 building, Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun, Osaka  
Hours: 9:30–20:00 Tel. (050)3502-7628

#### KANSAI TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER SHINSABASHI:

3F TOMMY HILFINGER, 2-5-1, Shinsaibashi-suji, Chuo-Ku, Osaka City, Osaka  
Hours: 11:00–19:00 Tel. (06)6214-5370

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